

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 13 April 2000
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Teenage 4
Other Known Titles: Teenage 4 Gold
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Color-Climax Corporation
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Magazine
Country of Origin: Denmark
Language: English, German, French, Spanish

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept.

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That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

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That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Teenage 4* (also known as *Teenage 4 Gold*) is classified as: Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Teenage 4 comprises photostories of explicit sexual activity usually between one or two females and one or two males with a maximum of three participants. Despite the impression of young persons raised by the title, the magazine presents all adult participants. The photostories are accompanied by text which is mainly a commentary on the sexual activity taking place and contains references to anal sex, and to females wanting sex.

The magazine has some degrading, demeaning and dehumanising elements such as a general theme of and several references to females constantly wanting sex, an emphasis on female sexual attributes, and some coarse language directed at women.

However, these elements are balanced by the overall character of the magazine which is one of mutual participation. The Classification Office considers that because of explicit sexual activity and degrading, demeaning and dehumanising elements, the unrestricted availability of the magazine is likely to be injurious to the public good. However, restricting the availability of the publication to an adult audience minimises the likelihood of injury to the public good.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in determining the classification for *Teenage 4*. The restricted classification is seen as a reasonable and justifiable limit upon the rights and freedoms contained in s14 of the NZBR Act given the magazine's sexually explicit content.

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